

JOHN AND MARY FELDERMAN FARM, HOUSE
Northeast Corner of County Road 56
and County Road T
Clarkville Vicinity
Yuma County
Colorado

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

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Location: Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 5 North, Range 46 West, Sixth Prime Meridian. Yuma County, Colorado. North of the intersection of County Road 56 and County Road S, vicinity of Clarkville, Colorado.

UTM: 13: 712940, 4473100 (House)

Present Owner: Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Present Occupant: Vacant

Present Use: None

House

Exterior

The building is a simple one story hipped roof cottage with Victorian-style porch and dormer detailing that dates to 1912. The foundation is of cast-in-place concrete and the cellar entry and cellar walls also are of cast-in-place concrete. There is a full basement under the house. The building walls and the dormer are covered with a 1970s-vintage, spray applied asbestos coating, which purportedly added to the weather tightness of the house. In areas where the overcoat has peeled away, the original horizontal wood clapboard siding is visible. The building is of wood frame construction. The front porch, a part of the original design, is a hipped roof supported by milled square posts set on a poured concrete slab. Its roof has wood shingles. The second, side entry porch, on the south side, is similar in construction with a hipped roof covered with wood shingles resting on milled square posts. The floor of the porch is poured concrete. The building's main roof is a combination of two hipped areas with a gabled connector between them. There is a decorative gabled dormer with a sunburst pattern centered over the west (front) side. The roof has a simple boxed cornice and is covered with wood shingles. The joints of the roofs are covered with metal flashing. There is a concrete chimney near the center of the roof. The windows are double hung sash. The original wood windows have been covered with aluminum frame storm windows. Two of the original windows have been replaced by smaller, aluminum frame, double hung windows but seams in the exterior sheathing of the house make the original window outlines evident. The remainder of the windows appear to be the originals, as evidenced by wood pegs and trim work observed in the window frames. The doors are one light over three panel wood doors and appear to be the originals. There is attic storage with interior stairway access and a crawl space with exterior access. The only alteration to the house appears to be the in-filling of the original windows on the cooking porch with vertical tongue and groove siding.¹ The yard around the house is raised. It is held in place by a low, concrete retaining wall.

Interior

The original interior of the structure has been remodeled. The 1970s remodelling resulted in the rearrangement of some of the interior spaces and a reorientation of the main entry from the west facade to the former side porch on the south side. The house contains eight rooms. The house has three bedrooms, with

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a walk-in closet in one bedroom, a living room, a kitchen, a family room, a bathroom and a combination enclosed cooking porch/utility area.

Remains of original finishes, including base molding, and original window and door casings are visible throughout the house. Ceilings have been lowered and are of recent construction, and include plaster and drywall. The floor coverings are non-original. The walls that have not been changed appear to be of lath and plaster.

Existing Condition

The roof leaks and the visible roofing material is deteriorated. The most serious problem is the asbestos coating on the exterior walls. The foundation and basement appear to be sound.

Endnote

1.Appraisal Card, Parcel 63-0999-223-00-070, Yuma County Assessor's Office, Wray, CO. Note: The appraisal card does not give a solid date for construction of the house.

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